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Congress kept the government running with enactment of the stopgap spending bill before the start of the new fiscal year Oct. 1, but lawmakers will face even bigger challenges when they have to do it all over again in 10 weeks....

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EU Glyphosate Data Release Could Help Settle Classification

The European Food Safety Authority's release of previously confidential scientific data about the safety of the herbicide glyphosate could help resolve disagreements among scientific bodies about whether or not the substance should...

Chemicals

Port of San Diego PCB Suit Survives Against Monsanto

The Port of San Diego's public nuisance claims against Monsanto over polychlorinated biphenyl contamination survived dismissal by the Southern District of California (San Diego Unified Port Dist. v. Monsanto Co. , 2016 BL 323407,...

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Combined federal greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy standards for 2022 to 2025 passenger vehicles are achievable and should be strengthened in light of a mid-term evaluation of the requirements, environmental groups and certain...

Coal Mining

Senate Champion Sought for Coal-State Revitalization Bill

Environmental groups are satisfied with a congressional lobbying push earlier this week on a bill that would send federal dollars to communities pummeled by the sinking coal market....

Energy

Energy Department Clarifies Innovative Energy Project Loans

The Energy Department is clarifying its loan guarantees for clean energy projects involving innovative technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions....

Enforcement

Southern Coal Corp. Resolves Mining Violations

Southern Coal Corp. resolved Clean Water Act violations by agreeing to upgrade its mining operations that are spread across Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia (United States v. Southern Coal Corp. , W.D. Va., No. 16-00462, 9/30/16)....

Environmental Reviews

Army Corps, Washington State at Odds Over Coal Terminal

A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers draft Environmental Impact Statement on a proposed coal-export terminal near the mouth of the Columbia River differs sharply from a Washington state EIS released in April on the same project....

Environmental Reviews

Integration of NEPA, Permitting Supported by FHWA

Major transportation projects including New York's Tappan Zee Bridge replacement are using innovative techniques to integrate environmental reviews and permitting requirements to accelerate project delivery, federal highway...

International Climate

Countries Agree to EU's Ratification of Paris Climate Deal

European Union environment ministers agreed Sept. 30 that the EU as a bloc should be allowed to ratify the United Nations Paris Agreement on climate change, even though most of its 28 member countries have not completed their national ratification...

Superfund

EPA Sets \$8M-\$13M Solvent Cleanup for N.J. Factory Site

A final plan has been set for the cleanup of a New Jersey factory property that is the source of a plume of polluted groundwater, at an estimated cost of \$7.8 million to \$12.7 million, the Environmental Protection Agency announced Sept. 30....

Superfund

Superfund Litigation Tracker: Time Bar, Federal Leases
The Ninth Circuit has put behind it the hotly contested issue of whether the federal hazardous waste law covers international aerial emissions. Next up?...

Sustainability

Agricultural Reform at Heart of Paris Climate Pact, UN Says

Worldwide agricultural reform can help reduce the impacts of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the head of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization told attendees at the FAO's five-day Committee on Agriculture,...

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